some of the Directors of Orkay Silk Mills Ltd., renounced the entitlement of 6,80,825 fully convertible debentures of Rs. 120/- each on shares held by them in the nominee and reresentative capacity. On renunciation, the rate of premium per debenture ranged between Rs. 385 and Rs. 550.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Financial assistance to Punjab Government to maintain law and order

2726. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Punjab Government has sought more financial assistance from the Centre to meet the exorbitant expenditure on the maintenance of law and order;

(b) if so, how much financial assistance has been given to Punjab Government to maintain law and order during the last two years; and

(c) how much financial assistance Government propose to give to the Punjab Government during the current year for the above purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) to (c) The Punjab Government had requested that the cost of deployment of Central Police Forces in the State during 1984-85 and 1985-86 may be given to the State in the form of a grant. It was agreed to treat the cost of deployment of Central Police Forces in Punjab during 1984-85 and 1985-86 as special non-plan loan assistance to the State Government.

Credit deposit ratio in Bihar and West Bengal

2727. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1294 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th August, 1986 and state :

(a) whether the R.B.I. studies have since identified specific factors for low credits deposit ratio in Bihar and West Bengal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) and (b). The level of Credit : Deposit ratio depends, among other things, on the level of economic activity and the demand for credit in a particular State or Region. Some of the main reasons for low C : D ratio are low credit absorption capacity, lower rate of fertilizer consumption, lack of uninterrupted supply of power and high level of industrial sickness.

Non deposit of employees P.F. share

2728. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether non payment of interests and scheduled and resheduled instalments towards loans and advances made by the public sector banks and non deposit of the employees' P.F. share, constitute economic offences;

(b) if so, whether fresh loans and advances are granted against the companies which are charged for economic offences;

(c) if not, whether fresh loans and advances were advanced by the banks to any West Bengal Company which committed economic offences during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86; and

(d) if so, the names of the companies and amounts advanced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

Stateless Tamils of Indian origin entitled for Indian citizenship

2729. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER :

SHRI CHITTA BASU :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are Stateless Tamils of Indian origin who have become entitled to Indian citizenship in accordance with the agreement reached with Sri Lanka;

(b) whether any rehabilitation plan has since been prepared for them; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No *recent agreement with Sri Lanka has been* concluded by which stateless Tamils of Indian origin have become eligible for Indian citizenship.

However, Government remains committed to grant of Indian citizenship to those stateless Tamils of Indian origin who had applied for it before 30th October 1981 in terms of the 1964 and 1974 Agreements.

(b) and (c) All the future repatriates will be re-settled in the various on-going schemes drawn up by the Ministry of Home Affairs in such fields as Plantations, Agricultural, Industrial, Business/Small Trade and the schemes of the Repatriates, Cooperative Finance & Development Bank Limited etc. Also in the schemes that would be formulated in due course by the State Governments of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka or any other State where they may be inducted later on.

Report of Committee of State Labour Ministers

2730. SHRI ALADI ARUNA ALIAS V. ARUNACHALAM : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry of Labour has received the report of a committee of State Labour Ministers constituted in 1983; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the recommendations of the committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) As decided in the Labour Ministers' Confrerence held in September, 1983 a Group of State Labour Ministers was set up in the year 1983 to go into the question of :

(i) what should be the minimum age for child labour; and

(ii) whether we should have a comprehensive law governing child labour and if so what should be the outline for such laws.

The Government have received the recommendations submitted by the Group.

(b) The brief details of the recommendations are as follows :—

1. *Minimum age of the entry into employment for children.*

The Group was of the view that it would be inappropriate under the present conditions to recommend a uniform minimum age for entry into employment for all trades or industries.

2. *Gradual elimination of child Labour and comprehensive legislation.*

The Group felt that it is not practical to have a single comprehensive legislation to cover all aspects of working in different industries. However, the Group recommended legislation covering the following aspects :—

(i) Non-formal education of the working child.

(ii) Compulsory medical check up and health care.

(iii) Skill Development Training.

(iv) Arrangement for transport of working children.

(v) Organisational support.

(vi) Integration with ongoing programmes.

(vii) Contribution to Provident Fund.

Export of drugs

2731. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what was the total export in quantity and value of drugs and drug intermediates during the last three years, year-wise ;

(b) what was the export of Castor Oil, Guar Gum, Psyllium, Senna Vinca, Cinchona and opium separately during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what was the percentage increase and decrease each year in the export of each of these items;

(d) whether it is a fact that imports of bulk drugs and inter-mediates have gone up during the last three years;